

## House Resolution No. 3167

**Whereas**, as the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, the Nixa R-II School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty in July 2008, with the retirement of Robert A. Barns who has devoted several years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

**Whereas**, Robert Barns has served as a Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps Instructor for twelve years at Nixa High School, where he is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Robert Barns has served as a Coach for the Competition Drill Team and the Competition Color Guard, both of which have earned various trophies during his twelve-year tenure; and

**Whereas**, Robert Barns has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

**Whereas**, Robert Barns has also enjoyed recognition by taking part in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and by serving twenty-one years in the United States Army; and

**Whereas**, a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Robert Barns has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Elizabeth Barns; one son, Jeff Barns; and two daughters and their husbands, Kate and Brian Strickland and Kim and John Marbut:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Nixa R-II School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Robert Barns has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Robert A. Barns, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jay Wasson  
District No. 141

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3167, adopted May 16, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker